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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

ISHIGAME ET AL.

Examiner

Daniel St.Cyr

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 November 2003.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3,5,6,8-17 and 23-37 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3,5,6,8-17,34 and 35 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 23-33,36 and 37 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 09/793,987.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Receipt is acknowledged of the amendment filed 12/16/04.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

4. Claims 23-33, and 37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Aubrey, US Patent No. 4,798,942, cited by the applicant, in view of Cubic Transportation System (hereinafter Cubic), cited by the applicant.

Aubrey disclose an easy access ticket transport mechanism comprising: a ticket processing system 62 for processing information encoded on a magnetic stripe on the ticket 16 on a ticket is provided within the housing 12 along the ticket path, the processing system includes a read head 64, a write/encode head 66, and a verify head 68 mounted on the supporting wall at spaced positions along the ticket path, the various heads are positioned to

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process information on a band or stripe located on the lower face of a ticket moving along the path (see figures 1-3, 7; col. 6, line 3+).

Audrey fails to disclose or fairly suggest that the ticket processing includes wireless and judging means for processing the wireless tickets and that a first and a second conveying means arranged in series.

Cubic discloses a transportation system comprising: an automatic ticket-examining apparatus for collecting wireless tickets; wireless communication means provided on each end of the surface of the body; and having conveying means in both ends of the apparatus.

In view of Cubic's teachings, it would have been obvious for a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system of Aubrey to perform both contact and non-contact transactions. Such modification would enhance the system operation and would make the system more practical. With regard to some of the customize limitations, such having both conveying mechanism arranged in series, these limitations fall within the engineering design choice, failing to provide any unexpected results. Therefore, it would have been obvious extension as taught by Audrey.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 1, 3, 5, 8-17, 34, and 35 are allowed.

6. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Although the prior art of record teaches a system for checking magnetic and wireless tickets, which include magnetic reading circuits for reading the magnetic tickets, wireless transmitters for communicating with the wireless tickets, etc., the prior art of record fails to disclose or fairly suggests all the details of the claimed invention, including using a wireless judging device for

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juggling the information read from the magnetic tickets, prohibiting devices for prohibiting inserting of the magnetic tickets, etc. These limitations in conjunction with other limitations in the independent and dependent claims would not have been obvious over the prior art of record.

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments filed 12/16/04 regarding claims 23-33 and 37 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. (see examiner remarks).

REMARKS:

In response to the applicant argument that the prior art fails to disclose the features of claims 23, 26, 33, and 37, the examiner respectfully disagrees. It is clearly outlined above how the prior art meets the claims' limitations. The applicant's argument is not persuasive. Refer to the rejection above.

Conclusion

8. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

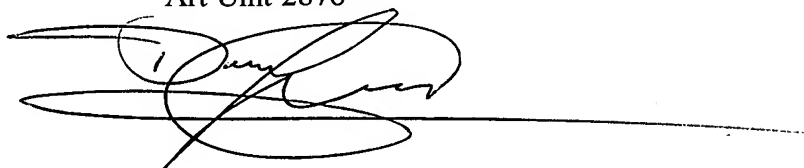
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel St.Cyr whose telephone number is 571-272-2407. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Lee can be reached on 571-272-2398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Daniel St.Cyr
Primary Examiner
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April 1, 2005